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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No. **460.1832USX**  
Anticipated Classification of this Application  
Class:              Subclass:  
Prior Application: **09/519,096** filed **March 6, 2000**  
Examiner:              Art Unit:

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a XX continuation-in-part \_\_\_\_\_ continuation \_\_\_\_\_  
divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No.  
**09/519,096** filed on **March 6, 2000** of **Pauley et al.** for **PRE-EXPANDED TAMPON  
PLEGETT**.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	70 - 20 =	50	x \$18.00	\$900.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6 - 3 =	3	x \$84.00	\$252.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$0
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$1892.00
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1. XX A check in the amount of \$ 1892.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee (\$1892).
2. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Cancel in this application original claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.

5. XX Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---  
This is a XX continuation-in-part,        division, of application serial no. 09/519,096,  
filed March 6, 2000.---

6. XX The prior application is assigned of record to: **Playtex Products, Inc.**

7. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
**Charles N.J. Ruggiero, Esq.**

- a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. Address all future communications to : **CHARLES N.J. RUGGIERO, ESQ.**

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8.        A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment  
have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following  
the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

9. XX Priority of application Serial No. 09/519,096 filed on March 6, 2000 is  
claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120;

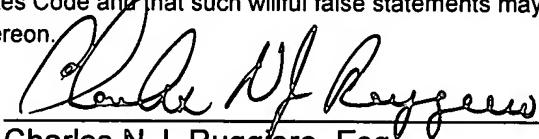
10.        I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application  
serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

11. XX A copy of the extension of time document filed December 3, 2001 in the  
parent case is enclosed.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that  
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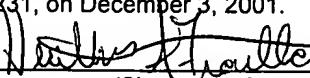
  
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